

Amendment Dated July 1, 2005
Serial No. 09/842,604

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection set forth in the Office Action is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1-2, 4, 8-11, 13, 18-19, 21, 25-27 have been amended. Currently, claims 1-28 are pending in this application.

Examiner Nguyen and the Examiner's Supervisor are thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview conducted June 2, 2005. During the interview, the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 101 was discussed and the Examiner agreed to withdraw the rejection. Additionally, the rejection of the claims over the combination of Haggerty and Cheng was discussed. After discussing each of the references, agreement was reached to amend the claims to overcome this rejection. Applicants have amended the claims in a manner believed to be consistent with this agreement.

Rejection of claims 10-17 and 26-28 under 35 USC 101

Claims 10-17 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 USC 101. At the outset of the interview the Examiner agreed to withdraw this rejection. Accordingly, it appears that this rejection is now moot.

Rejection of claims 1-28 under 35 USC 103 over Haggerty in view of Cheng.

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 USC 103 over Haggerty (U.S. Patent No. 6,331,983) in view of Cheng (U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/243,809). Applicants have amended the claims in a manner consistent with the agreement reached during the interview. Accordingly, this rejection is also believed to be moot.

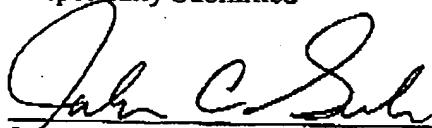
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully request an action to that effect. If the Examiner believes a second telephone interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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Respectfully Submitted



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